Renovation of Taldonda Canal in Orissa

2429. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether work related to the renovation of Taldonda Main Canal and Distributory No. 12 in Orissa has been started with the Central Assistance;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned by Government for the improvement and management of the project; and

(c) by when the work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) to (c) : The project proposal of improvement to Taldonda Main Canal & Distributory No. 12 with estimated cost of Rs. 57.06 crores (1998 level) was received in September, 1999 in Central Water Commission (CWC) for techno-economic appraisal. Comments of CWC on the project have been sent to the State Government, on which compliance is still awaited.

Water being a State subject, the concerned State Governments are primarily responsible for planning, funding and execution etc. of all types of irrigation projects/schemes including flood control and drainage from their own resources and as per their own priorities.